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E. REMARKS**1. Double Patenting**

Applicant submits terminal disclaimer's for Applications 10/001,750 and 10/001,757 to overcome the examiner's double patenting rejection.

2. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 9-10 and 25-26 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

3. Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

a. The Examiner: The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 and 11-24 and 27 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,710,591 to Bruno (hereinafter "Bruno"). The Examiner cited col. 4, lines 62- col. 5, line 7 and col. 5, lines 50-64.

b. Response: Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of claim 9. Applicant has amended claim 22 to incorporate the limitation of claim 25. In addition, applicant has amended claim 13 to incorporate the allowable subject matter cited by the examiner. Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

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